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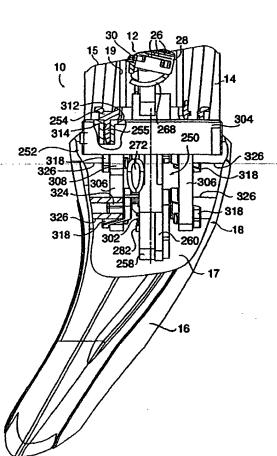
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(54) Title: RAZOR ASSEMBLY



(57) Abstract: A razor assembly is provided that includes a razor cartridge (12) with one or more razor blades, a shaving aid body (14), a handle (16), and a linkage (18) pivotally connected to the handle. The linkage (18) is connected to the razor cartridge (12) and the shaving aid body (14) in a manner such that the razor cartridge and the shaving aid body are moveable relative to the handle. Movement of one of the razor cartridge or the shaving aid body in a first direction causes the other of the razor cartridge or the shaving aid body to move in a second direction substantially opposite the first direction. As a result, the positions of the shaving aid body and the razor cartridge are continuously adjusted to maintain the contact surface (15) of the shaving aid body approximately co-planar with the cutting edges of the razor blades within the razor cartridge.

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1. Claims: 1-9, 10-65, 66-68, 69-72, 73-78, 81-84, 89-96, 97, 98-101, 102-106, 107-109

A razor assembly comprising a handle, a replacement cartridge, a shaving aid body, and a linkage either (i) connected, preferably pivotally, to the handle, the replacement cartridge, and the shaving aid body, or (ii) connected to the razor cartridge, the shaving aid body, and the housing in a manner such that the the razor certridge and the shaving aid body are moveable relative to the handle, and movement of one of the razor cartridge or the shaving aid body in a first direction causes the other of the razor cartridge or the shaving aid body to move in a second direction substantially opposite the first direction.

Claims 73 to 78, 81 to 84, 98 to 101 and 107 to 109 are not directed to the subject-matter as indicated above but to the following:

- 1.1. Claims: 73-78

 A replacement cartridge, comprising a razor cartridge, a holder attached thereto, a shaving aid body, and a base attached thereto, the base comprising a center aperture wherein the holder is slidably received.
- 1.2. Claims: 81-84

 A base for a shaving aid portion of a razor assembly, comprising means for attaching the base to the shaving aid body, a center aperture, and means for attaching the base to the razor assembly.
- 1.3. Claims: 98-101
 A razor assembly, comprising a handle, a replacement cartridge including a razor cartridge slidably received within a center aperture of a shaving aid body.
- 2. Claims: 79-80

A replacement cartridge, comprising a razor cartridge and a holder attached thereto, the holder being operable to permit slidable translation of the razor cartridge and attached holder relative to the handle.

3. Claims: 85-88

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A holder for a razor cartridge portion of a razor assembly, comprising means for attaching the holder and the razor cartridge together; and means for attaching the holder to a linkage portion of the razor assembly.

Please note that all inventions mentioned under item 1, although not necessarily linked by a common inventive concept, could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee.

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